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ABSTRACT

5 A suspension and steering subassembly for a heavy truck is  
provided including a subframe. The subframe includes first and  
second side members extending substantially in the direction of  
vehicle travel and first and second cross members extending  
substantially perpendicular to the direction of vehicle travel. The  
first and second cross members are integral with the first and  
second side members such that the subframe is a unitary member. The  
10 first and second side members and the first and second cross members  
are further configured to receive first and second lower suspension  
control arms, first and second upper suspension control arms, and a  
portion of the steering linkage for the vehicle. The subframe may  
further be configured to receive a steering gear and one or more  
15 strut rods to provide fore/aft support to the subframe.

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